GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Law and Order
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing urbanization has resulted in law and order problem in major metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of prescribed norms of police to citizen ratio in these metropolitan cities;

(d) whether all these metropolitan cities are facing acute shortage of police force to keep vigil in the city; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Urbanization involving unplanned growth of cities, unchecked influx of migrants, disparity of income distribution, lack of employment opportunities etc. has contributed to social unrest resulting in law and order problems in metropolitan cites.
(c): As per the VII Schedule to the constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are state subjects, the state governments concerned are responsible for policing of metropolitan cities. The police to public ratio in metropolitan cities is dependent on resources of the states, demographical growth pattern etc.
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(d) & (e): Due to financial crunch, the state governments have not been able to meet the increasing requirement of police force in metropolitan cities. The Central Government has launched Mega City Policing Plan as sub-component of the Modernization of State Police Force (MPF) Scheme under which financial assistance is given to the states for upgradation of technology, development of citizen friendly police, involvement of students in appreciation of safety and security, attitudinal change in policeman, recruitment of large number of women in police which will help the mega cities to develop an effective police system and better handling of emergencies. The Plan has been launched in six mega cities namely Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Bengaluru.
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